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SUBJECT: GATT SURVEY OF DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMERCIAL POLICY

1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS RELEASED ITS SECOND ISSUE OF "SURVEY OF DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMERCIAL POLICY". SEVENTY-SEVEN PAGE PUBLICATION CONTAINS ENTRIES FOR 61 COUNTRIES AND INCLUDES VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS AND SURVEILLANCE MECHANISMS AS USUAL LICENSING, QR AND TARIFF CHANGES. EC, US AND CANADA AGAIN ACCOUNT FOR LONGEST ENTRIES. EC ITEMS INCLUDE STEEL ARRANGEMENTS WITH EFTA AND OTHER SUPPLIERS, SURVEILLANCE OF FOOTWEAR IMPORTS, FRENCH "VISA" SURVEILLANCE TECHNIQUE, UK/JAPANESE AGREEMENT ON RESTRAINT OF JAPANESE AUTO EXPORTS, AND EC RULES OF ORIGIN ON TEXTILES. US ENTRIES ARE MAINLY ANTIDUMPING, AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTIONS AS WELL AS INVESTIGATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 201, 301 AND 337 OF THE TRADE ACT. THIS EDITION OF SURVEY ALSO INCLUDES SEVERAL ENTRIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NIGERIAN IMPORT PROHIBITION OF SEVERAL PRODUCERS, A SUBJECT OF SEVERAL

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MESSAGES BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND LAGOS.

2. COMMENT: SECOND ISSUE IS, IN OUR OPINION, AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE SECRETARIAT'S FIRST EFFORT IN THAT IT CONTAINS SEVERAL TYPES OF COMMERCIAL POLICY ACTIONS (VRAS, SURVEILLANCE MECHANISMS) NOT INCLUDED IN THE FIRST. IN ADDITION TO THE NIGERIAN RESTRAINTS, THERE APPEARS TO BE A

NUMBER OF OTHER ACTIONS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED
UNDER VARIOUS GATT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES. ALTHOUGH
WE MAY NOT WISH TO PROVOKE SOME OF OUR MORE RELUCTANT
TRADING PARTNERS AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE
GATT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES IN THE MTN, AT A LATER DATE
WE MAY WANT TO DRAW ON THE SURVEY TO ASK IN THE GATT
COUNCIL WHY SOME OF THESE ACTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED.
WE MAY ALSO WISH TO SUGGEST THAT SECRETARIAT IMPROVE
USEFULNESS OF DOCUMENT BY INDICATING GATT STATUS OF
TARIFF ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN INCREASED AND GATT
JUSTIFICATION (EG ART XIX) WHEN ITEM IN SURVEY HAS BEEN
NOTIFIED. END COMMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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